

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BRUSSE 06872 080944Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 NEA-10 ISO-00 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00
COME-00 EB-08 FRB-03 INR-10 NSAE-00 SP-02 STR-07
TRSE-00 LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 ICA-11 NSC-05 SS-15
DODE-00 PA-01 XMB-02 IO-13 L-03 H-01 /126 W
-----057357 090100Z /61

R 080937Z APR 78
FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5920
INFO ALL EC CAPITALS
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BRUSSELS 06872

USEEC

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EEC, PFOR, XF

SUBJ: EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE--PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT GENERAL
COMMISSION MEETING

REF: BRUSSELS 5794

1. PER REFTTEL, PARA 2, MISSION NOTES A RECENT AGENCY
FRANCE PRESS STORY REPORTING A MEETING OF SIX ARAB
MINISTERS, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, IN DAMASCUS APRIL 3
TO DISCUSS EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE MATTERS. ACCORDING TO
REMARKS ATTRIBUTED IN THE ARTICLE TO THE SYRIAN MINISTER
OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE, THESE OFFICIALS REPRESENTING
SYRIA, IRAQ, SAUDI ARABIA, SUDAN, ALGERIA AND MOROCCO,
RECOMMENDED THE QUOTE CONTINUATION AND STRENGTHENING
UNQUOTE OF THE DIALOGUE. THIS RECOMMENDATION, THE ARTICLE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BRUSSE 06872 080944Z

CONTINUES, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COMMITTEE OF THE ARAB LEAGUE FOR APPROVAL, TOGETHER WITH
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AIMING AT QUOTE REDUCING THE
OBSTACLES INTERFERING WITH THE EURO-ARAB
DIALOGUE UNQUOTE.

2. EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR EURO-ARAB

DIALOGUE MATTERS WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS ARTICLE BELIEVE THE REPORTED DAMASCUS MEETING WAS PROBABLY ENGINEERED BY THE ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT AND THAT THE COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE SYRIAN MINISTER RELATE PRIMARILY TO THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE DIALOGUE RATHER THAN THE POLITICAL. BECAUSE OF THE ARAB SIDE'S FAILURE, TO DATE, TO DEFINE ITS INTEREST AS A GROUP IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE EC, IT WAS NECESSARY, IN THE VIEW OF THESE OFFICIALS, TO REVIEW THE ECONOMIC CONTENT OF THE ARABS' PARTICIPATION IN THE DIALOGUE WELL BEFORE THE NEXT GENERAL COMMISSION MEETING.

3. COMMISSION OFFICIALS ALSO TELL US THAT A DEBRIEFING PROVIDED THEM BY DANISH PERMDEL OFFICIALS ON A RECENT VISIT TO CAIRO BY THE DANISH MFA OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF THE DIALOGUE FOR THE DANISH EC PRESIDENCY, SUGGESTS THAT IT IS LIKELY THAT THE TIMING OF THE NEXT GENERAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL SLIP FROM MAY TO SEPTEMBER 1978. DUE TO DISARRAY ON THE ARAB SIDE, THESE OFFICIALS INDICATE, THE FINAL DECISION ON TIMING WILL PROBABLY NOT BE TAKEN UNTIL THE SUMMER; IF THIS IS THE CASE, THEY NOTED, THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT THE VENUE FOR THE MEETING WILL SWITCH FROM CAIRO TO DAMASCUS, SINCE SYRIA WILL ASSUME ARAB LEAGUE PRESIDENCY ON SEPTEMBER 1. OUR COMMISSION SOURCES SAY THAT SYRIA IS NOW QUOTE TRYING VERY HARD UNQUOTE TO GRAB LEADERSHIP OF THE DIALOGUE AWAY FROM THE EGYPTIANS.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 BRUSSE 06872 080944Z

MORRIS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PLANNING MEETINGS, REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 08 apr 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BRUSSE06872
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780153-0339
Format: TEL
From: BRUSSELS USEEC
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780478/aaaacogd.tel
Line Count: 95
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: e6b4aab3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 BRUSSELS 5794
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3031164
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE--PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT GENERAL COMMISSION MEETING
TAGS: PFOR, OCON, XF, EEC
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/e6b4aab3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014